

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

JANUARY 5, 1827.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House  
on the state of the Union.

## A BILL

*To exempt Swedish and Norwegian vessels, and the merchandise imported therein, from the payment of discriminating duties of tonnage and impost, for a limited time, and for other purposes.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the date of this act, until the termination of the next session of Congress, vessels truly and wholly belonging to the subjects of the King of Sweden and Norway, arriving in the United States, in ballast or with cargoes, shall be exempted from the payment of any other or higher duties or charges whatsoever, than vessels of the United States are required to pay under like circumstances; that merchandise, the produce and manufacture of the Territories of the King of Sweden and Norway, imported in Swedish or Norwegian vessels, shall not be subjected to any other or higher duties than are levied on the same kinds of merchandise when imported in American vessels; and that the exemption or privilege allowed by this act shall extend to vessels arriving, and merchandise imported, from the Swedish colony of St. Barthelemy:*

17 *Provided*, That the owners of vessels arriving from said co-  
 18 lony in the United States shall be inhabitants of that colony  
 19 and there established and naturalized, and shall have caused  
 20 their vessels to be there naturalized.

1        **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of  
 2 the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be re-  
 3 paid or remitted, all alien or discriminating duties of tonnage  
 4 or impost, which, since the twenty-fifth of September last,  
 5 may have been paid, or secured to be paid, on vessels of the  
 6 description mentioned in the first section of this act, or on  
 7 merchandise imported in such vessels. For the purpose of  
 8 which repayment, any money in the Treasury, not otherwise  
 9 appropriated, is hereby appropriated.